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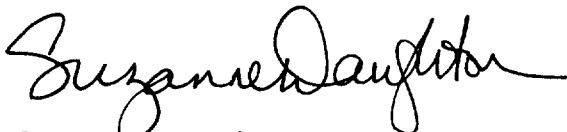
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in reference to Docket #98N-1038 regarding irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food. I write to express my strong concern on this issue. I support clear labeling of all food products, of the chemicals and processes used in their production, and of the contents of all packages. Citizens have a right to know whether the food they buy has been irradiated.

All irradiated foods should be required to show prominent labeling using the radura symbol and the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated." The absence of such labeling would be misleading to consumers. Irradiation degrades vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious to the average consumer. I do not want to eat irradiated food. I especially want the choice to select or not select such foods based on clear and honest labeling.

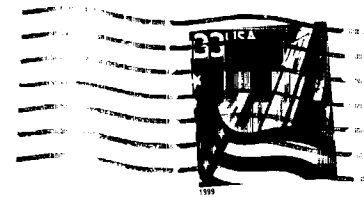
Sincerely,


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